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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Briefings for the Kilday Committee

Sherman Kent has made the following helpful suggestion for your benefit in preparing your briefing.

"Basic Intelligence. Again some history. Remember that after the war had been going a year or so there were probably more than a half dozen major basic intelligence enterprises. For example, there were the Navy's Field Monographs, the Army's Strategic Surveys, certain Air Force publications, and the big OSS (R & A Branch) Topographic Intelligence Studies. At the end of the war, and even before the establishment of the Central Intelligence Group, horse sense indicated that there should be a pooling of effort. Accordingly, the JANIS (Joint Army-Navy Intelligence Studies) were established. The NIS is the successor institution. The point is -- and it should be made with a sledge hammer -- that if you don't spend a lot of money on a single intelligence encyclopedia like the NIS, you will spend much more money on the half dozen departmental models which will spontaneously spring into being."

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